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For : MEDICINE CAPABLE OF INHIBITING ACTIVATION OF  
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR KLF5

**STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants express appreciation for August 30, 2011, September 1, 2011 and September 7, 2011 telephone interviews between Supervisory Patent Examiner Sharmila G. Landau and Applicants' representative Arnold Turk.

During the August 30, 2011 interview, Applicants' representative noted that canceled claim 34 is referenced in the Examiner's Answer and pending claim 33 is not addressed. Moreover, Applicants' representative noted that the Examiner's Answer groups together arguments for the independent claims, and does not separately address features recited in each of the three independent claims. Still further, Applicants' representative contended that assertions made in the Examiner's Answer at the bottom of page 9 through the top of page 10 should be considered to raise new issues requiring an indication of a new ground of rejection.

The examiner indicated that the Examiner's Answer will be vacated and a new Examiner's Answer will be mailed that properly addresses claim 33. However, the

examiner did not express agreement with the other arguments of Applicants' representative. It was indicated that Applicants' Reply Brief need not be filed to the present Examiner's Answer because the Examiner's Answer is being vacated.

During the September 1, 2011 telephone interview, the examiner confirmed that the Examiner's Answer will be vacated and will, in fact, be vacated prior to two months from the Examiner's Answer and that a Reply Brief need not be filed in response thereto.

During the September 7, 2011 telephone interview, the examiner indicated that the Examiner's Answer has been vacated and noted that such indication was now present in PTO PAIR.

Applicants therefore await receipt of the mailed documents vacating the Examiner's Answer and responding to Applicants' Appeal Brief.

Applicants also attach a copy of the Transaction History of PTO PAIR for the present application printed September 8, 2011 showing the Withdrawing/Vacating Office Action Letter for 09-07-2011

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required for consideration and/or entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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